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From our Executive Conference Minister ~ *Iris de León-Hartshorn*

Dear PNMC Family ~

Today a joint **press release** announced **my resignation as Executive Conference Minister** with PNMC effective September 1, 2011. I will work part-time for PNMC and part-time for Mennonite Church USA from May 5th through August 31st and then will join Mennonite Church USA Executive Cabinet full-time, starting September 1, 2011. This has been a difficult decision which involved weeks of praying and discerning. Fortunately, this does not mean a move for our family and I will remain in the Pacific Northwest. You should have received the press release as well as it being posted here: http://www.pnmc.org/Resources/Press_Releases.

We have had some recent changes in **District Pastors** and I'd like to give thanks to **Jeryl Hollinger** and **Rod Stafford** for the time they served in this role. I appreciate their willingness to walk alongside pastors and the pastoral care they provided. We also welcome **Charlene Epp**, who will be serving as a District Pastor for Anawim Christian Community, International Bethel City Church and Portland Mennonite Church, starting May 1, 2011. We are blessed to have such a committed group of District Pastors in PNMC. *God's grace and peace to each of you.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

May 20-21: Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival on Northwest Nazarene University campus at College Church of the Nazarene. The proceeds from this annual auction of handmade quilts, afghans, wall-hangings, furniture and other handcrafted items benefit MCC, a worldwide relief program sponsored by Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches. An event for the whole family, there are activities for children, homemade pies and a country store with many irresistible goods for sale. Details available at www.idahomrs.org.

May 20, 5-7 pm: Preview with benefit concert and dinner available for a donation.

May 21, 7:30 am– 3 pm: Auction with country breakfast, lunch, snacks and desserts available.

Drift Creek Camp: Upcoming Events

May 20-21: Annual Work Weekend & Visitors' Day. Join volunteers of all ages to help prepare the grounds and facilities for summer campers. Also, if you are considering DCC for your camper, but have not been to the camp and would like to see what it's all about, please feel free to visit! We will have folks available to give tours and show you or your camper what a typical day at camp is like.

June 17-19: Parent and Me Camp. A great way to introduce students finishing kindergarten through second grade to camp programming. Campers are given the opportunity to stay in cabins with peers and reconnect with a parent or adult during the day.

June 19-24: *High School Camp*
July 3-8: *5th & 6th Grade Camp*
July 17-22: *Surf Camp*

June 26-July 1: *7th & 8th Grade Camp*
July 10-15: *3rd & 4th Grade Camp*

July 9-10: *Family Nature Retreat.* A collaborative program with the Friends of the Straub Environmental Learning Center.

October 20-23: *Fall Quilt, Craft & Scrapbook Retreat*

October 23-24: *Fall Mushroom Retreat*

November 4-6: *Annual Member's Meeting*

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WA Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)

Washington MDS has begun a PHP (Partnership Home Project) in Ramona, CA and is looking for people interested in filling short and long term positions, starting the second week in May until completion (July?). If you are interested or have questions, please write or call either Kevin Froese (C: 360/460-0406; H: 360/681-7406; hkranda@olympus.net) or Terry Miller (C: 206/551-9660; H: 206/789-5370; tlm2618@yahoo.com). *Thank you!*

Western Mennonite School

May 7: 39th Annual Auction for Western Mennonite School will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. **7:30-9:30 am:** Breakfast served. **9:30 am:** Live auction begins. If you have wonderful items to donate, please contact Charlene Schultz (503-363-2000). Auction info will be posted in April at www.westernmennoniteschool.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

AMBS (Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary)

May 11: 2-3 pm EDT ~ Webinar examines six images of the preacher each with different goals, ways of using the Bible, and assumptions about authority: The Teacher, The Storyteller, The Counselor, The Witness, The Prophet, and The Evangelist. Participants will clarify their own understandings of the preaching task, and be encouraged to add new facets and approaches to their preaching identity. Ryan Ahlgrim, pastor of First Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, Ind., is the presenter. For details, how to register and how to connect to the webinar, see www.ambs.edu/webinars.

Upcoming Courses. Summer courses, including *The Church and Race*, *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* and *Contemporary Theologies of Mission*, are intensive opportunities to study subjects offered less frequently at AMBS. See www.ambs.edu/academics/summer. Course offerings for fall, interim and spring 2011-2012 have been posted. See what's available and consider an online course, weekend intensive or campus course. Full list of offerings: www.ambs.edu/academics/courses.

The Dove's Nest Collaborative

Our mission is, "Empowering and equipping Mennonites to keep children safe in their homes, churches, and communities." Children are our most precious natural resource. Are we doing everything we can, in our churches and our communities, to make sure they are safe? **April is Child Abuse Prevention month.** Find a flyer that can be used as a bulletin insert or posted on a bulletin board, as well as numerous valuable resources at www.dovesnest.net.

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee (WC MCC)

June 17-25, 2011: 3rd Annual Global Anabaptist Peacebuilders (GAP) Institute for young leaders in the West Coast. Hosted by Fresno Pacific University, this is a 10-day "plunge" experience into peace and justice issues with a balance of academic and experiential learning. We are planning for 60 students from across the West Coast region to attend. Check out <http://westcoast.mcc.org/programs/summer> and attached flyer for details.

We need your help recruiting young adults for this experience! Full scholarships are available for students from a Mennonite, Mennonite Brethren or Brethren in Christ church. Applications must be submitted online through the website above. **Student applications need to be submitted by May 1, 2011.** If you have questions or would like additional information please contact Emily Stednick, HR & Communications Coordinator (cas@mcc.org; 559/301-3403).

☞ **Ovidio Flores** of the Honduran Mennonite Church, agronomist by profession, theologian by passion, will be in the NW from **May 16-30**. Ovidio will be sharing in numerous venues including attending the Idaho Mennonite World Relief Sale (May 20-21).

☞ **Amanda Guldmond**, MCC Sister Church coordinator from Colombia, will be in the NW **June 2-8**. She will be at Hyde Park (ID) on June 2, then in the Oregon area through the 8th.

For more information on these visits, contact Bob Buxman (503/502-5402; bux@mcc.org).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 2 (submissions due by 4/25)

May 16 (submissions due by 5/9)

June 6 (submissions due by 5/23)

June 20 (submissions due by 6/9)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to brenda@pnmc.org. Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. *We welcome your feedback!*

For more PNMC updates: <http://pnmc.org> **e-Bulletin Archives:** <http://pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin>

e-Bulletin Appendix: Mennonite Publishing Network Resources

For questions about any of the following resources, please contact PNMC Resource Advocate, Charlotte Derksen (cderksen@stanford.edu). You may also visit www.mpn.net for a comprehensive list or call 1-800-245-7894.

Adult Studies & Small Group Resources

Reportedly all across the country young adult groups, adult classes, women's groups and more are studying ***The Naked Anabaptist, The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith*** by Stuart Murray, Herald Press, © 2010. Lively discussions are the rule when we look closely at our Anabaptist faith with Murray's eyes. \$13.95 www.mpn.net/nakedanabaptist

Worship and Mission After Christendom, by Alan Kreider and Eleanor Kreider, just published by Herald Press. The church needs to rethink both "mission" and "worship." God is calling all of us to participate. Walter Brueggemann says, "This book will confirm hunches of hope-filled Christians, authorize rethinking in bold ways, and give permission for the deepest intuitions of faithful folk." \$19.99 www.mpn.net/worshipandmission

Dialoguemos: Tecnicas de Comunicacion y Transformacion de Conflictos by Barry Bartel, Con este aporte, Barry Bartel nos ofrece una valiosa herramienta para las comunidades cristianas y para todas aquellas personas interesadas en trabajar con los conflictos de una manera constructiva y transformadora. \$12.00 <http://store.mpn.net/productdetails.cfm?PC=583>

Let the Children Come, by Jeannette Harder, leads readers through the issues of child abuse: are children safe in your church? What precautions should be taken? What should you do if you suspect a child is being abused? \$12.99 www.mpn.net/letthechildrencome

Bipolar Disorder and ***Infertility*** are the two most recently released *Close to Home* pamphlets. Free study guides are available to accompany the pamphlets, making them suitable for Christian education classes or for small group study. Download the guides at www.mpn.net/closetohome. Click on *Church Supplies* then "Close to Home" to get the full list of pamphlets available.

Other Recent Mennonite Publishing Network Publications

Mennonite Girls Can Cook by Lovella Schellenberg, et al, is a blog about recipes and hospitality as well as helping the hungry—and now it's scheduled to be released in May in book form. It will be more than just recipes — also about hospitality versus entertaining, blessing versus impressing. It will be about taking God's Bounty and co-creating the goodness from God's creation into something that can bless family and friends and help sustain health and energy. \$24.99 <http://store.mpn.net/productdetails.cfm?PC=1624>

The old favorite, ***Living More with Less*** by Doris Janzen Longacre, has been revised by Valerie Weaver-Zercher and is available as the 30th Anniversary edition for \$14.99 at www.mpn.net/livingmorewithless.

Whatever Happened to Dinner? by Melodie M Davis, is part cookbook and part reflection on the changing role of dinner in our culture as well as a celebration of family and community. \$12.99 www.mpn.net/dinner

The second edition of ***Sexuality, God's Gift***, edited by Anne Krabill Hershberger, provides a look at this topic from a Christian perspective, offering Christians resources for living a sexually healthy and fulfilling life. \$16.99 www.mpn.net/sexuality

The latest volume in the ***Believers Church Bible Commentary*** is ***Ecclesiastes*** by Douglas B. Miller published in 2010. \$24.99 www.mpn.net/ecclesiastes ***1,2,3 John*** by M. E McDermond is due out on April 15.